

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	695		
Source(s)	Airwars	Date Received	
Casualty Estimate	"At least 10 civilians"		
Incident Date	25-27 Oct 2016		
Location	Bariha Village, Deir Ezzor governorate, SY IVO (b)(1)1.4a		
Allegation	<p>1. Description of allegation: October 27th 2016: بريهة قرية Bariha village, Deir Ezzor governorate Syria Summary: At least 10 civilians were killed and more than a dozen wounded from airstrikes, according to local reports. Shaam News Network cited activists who reported warplanes "thought to belong to the international coalition" launched airstrikes on a house, resulting in "martyrs and wounded among civilians, most of them children." At the time, it reported five had died, including four children. Other outlets, including Free Deir Ezzor Radio and the Syrian Observer, cited the Coalition as well. Euphrates Post – like several other outlets and monitors, including Deir Ezzor 24 – did not name a perpetrator, but it did increase the death toll to "more than 10 people." However, Step News Agency cited Russian forces for the attack. A correspondent for Radio Al Kul also blamed the Russians, and put the death toll at 11 civilians, adding that the death toll was likely to rise. Syria News Desk reported a death toll of 8 and more than 15 wounded. It clarified that five of the dead were all members of one family – "four children and their father" – which may have accounted for the earlier figures of 5 victims. Adding to the confusion, a separate report published by the Syrian Mirror cited the Syrian regime as also bombing in the area. Civilians reported killed: 10 Civilians reported injured: at least 13 Sources: Shaam New Network [Arabic] [Archived], Euphrates Post [Arabic] [Archived], Step News Agency [Arabic] [Archived], Free Deir Ezzor Radio [Arabic] [Archived], Free Deir Ezzor (2) [Arabic] [Archived], Deir Ezzor 24 [Arabic] [Archived], Local Coordinating Committees in Syria [Arabic] [Archived], Eldorar [Arabic] [Archived], Syrian Mirror [Arabic] [Archived], Radio Al Kul [Arabic] [Archived], Syrian Observatory for Human Rights [Archived], Syria News Desk [Arabic] [Archived], Al Jisr TV [Arabic] [Archived] Quality of reporting: Contested – Russian</p>		

<p>Analysis</p>	<p>1. Is this allegation a self-report? NO If yes, add details of corroborating strike below and task a CCAR. If no, move to 2.</p> <p>2. Does the allegation include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) video/photo evidence of CIVCAS NO b) a general location, YES, Bariha village, SY AND c) a way to identify the date or a 48 hour date range? YES <p>If yes to all three, move to 6. If any are no, then move to number 3.</p> <p>3. Does the allegation contain a</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) General Day, YES AND b) Specific location, e.g., MGRS or specific building? NO <p>If yes to the two, then move to 6. If any are no, move to number 4.</p> <p>4.a. Is the allegation from a single source (even if there are multiple sources, look at whether the sources lack independence, i.e., all derived from one source)? NO If yes, move to 4.b. If no, move to 5.</p> <p>4.b. Is the single source a high quality source OR does it provide specific facts that may warrant a CCAR. If yes, move to 6. If no, then move to 4.c.</p> <p>4.c. Has media interviewed witnesses and/or victims? If yes, then contact journalist and reassess. If no, then close the allegation.</p> <p>5.a. Are any of the sources high quality? YES If yes, move to 6. If no, move to 5.b.</p> <p>5.b. Are there at least two corroborating sources (total of 3) that independently reported the allegation, OR does it provide specific facts that may warrant a CCAR? If yes, move to 6. If no, close the allegation.</p> <p>6. Does the allegation contain sufficient information on the time, location and details to make an assessment of credibility? Yes i.e., does it provide enough information to determine the date within 48 hour; does it provide enough information to determine a neighborhood, landmark, or other way to where the alleged incident occurred within a .5km radius? If yes, move to 7. If no, close the allegation.</p> <p>[Using a 2004 Syrian Consensus] Ultimately only one village matching the village name was found by the name of Breiha ((variation: Burayhah)) Village in DaZ Governate, SY which is assessed to be the village mentioned in the allegation based on homophonous characterization, the village name given is Bariha. The following steps were taken:</p> <p>MAT was checked, no results</p> <p>CJTF-OIR kmz and log, no results</p> <p>CAOC strike log, no results</p>
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Non-US Coalition Involvement	None
Decision	Close at IA. No corroborating strikes. Insufficient evidence to corroborate the allegation.
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